Standardisation of bottled water

3624. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to insist on ISI or any other standardization for bottled water;

(b) if so, the nature of standards prescribed for the purpose; and

(c) the agency to check its compliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare *vide* their Gazette Notifications No. GSR 759 (E) and GSR 760(E) have already brought Packaged Drinking Water and Packaged Natural Mineral Water under the Mandatory Certification Scheme of the Bureau of Indian Standards.

(b) The Nature of the standards prescribed are as per the specifications outlined in the IS 14543:1998 for Packaged Drinking Water and IS: 13428:1998 for Natural Packaged Drinking Water.

(c) Ministry of Health arid Family Welfare is the enforcement/ implementing authority under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules. Bureau of Indian Standards is the certifying agency for Bottled Water.

Quality control on mineral water manufacturing units

3625. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether cancellation of license of the mineral water manufacturing units after detection of pesticides in bottled mineral water is the only logical action;

(b) if not, what other action Government intend to take against such companies;

(c) whether these companies are running several bottling plants in other parts of the country also; and